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CONNECTING TO A WIRELESS NETWORK (WI-FI)

1. Before you connect to a wireless network, make sure that:

- your cable modem is correctly installed and configured;
- your Internet access is working properly when your computer is connected to the router with a physical connection (Ethernet cable);
- your computer is equipped with a built-in wireless adapter.
 - Your wireless adapter is on (if necessary).
 - On a laptop computer, the wireless adapter is turned off by default. Refer to your computer's user manual for how to turn it (Wi-Fi) on;
- you have on hand during the configuration:
 - The name of your wireless network (SSID)
Example: **SSID: SAGEMCOM_XXXX**. The XXXX portion will consist of various letters and numbers.
 - Your encryption key (**WPA**)
Example: **WPA: XXXXXXXX**. The XXXXXXXX portion will be made up of various letters and numbers that you must type exactly as they appear, making sure to use upper or lower case letters, where indicated.

This information appears on the label underneath your modem router.

Example of a label:



2- Depending on the operating system you are using, click on the link to go directly to the appropriate section.

- If you have a Windows XP operating system, click here:

[Connecting to a Wireless Network on Windows XP](#)

- If you have a Windows Vista operating system, click here:

[Connecting to a Wireless Network on Windows Vista](#)

- If you have a Windows 7 operating system, click here:

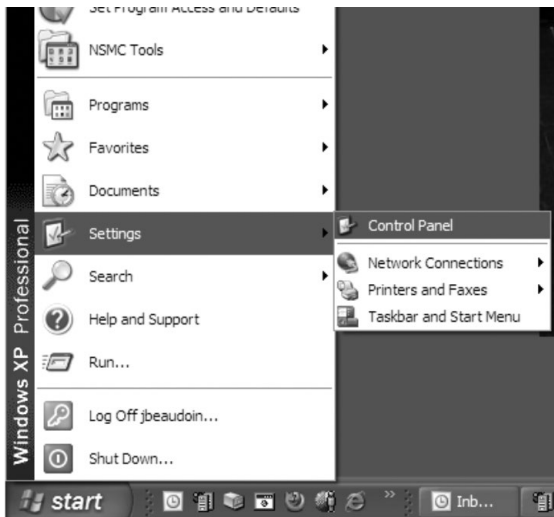
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4.1 CONNECTING TO A WIRELESS NETWORK ON WINDOWS XP

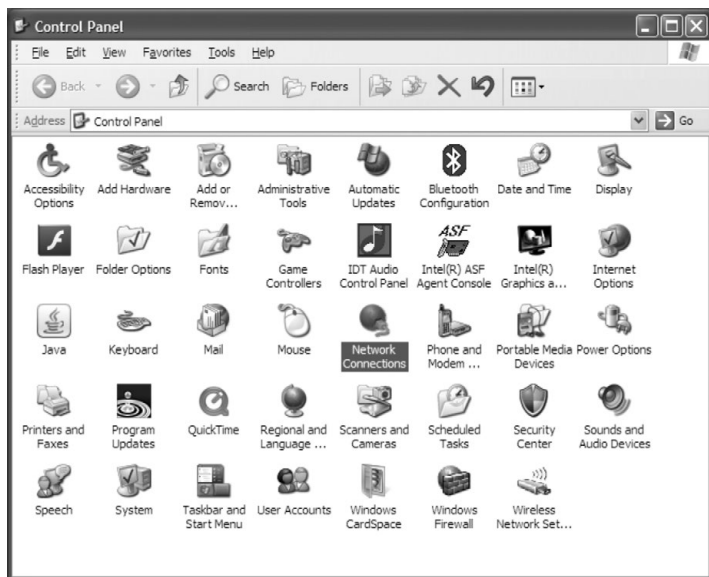
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1. Click **Start-> Settings -> Control Panel**.

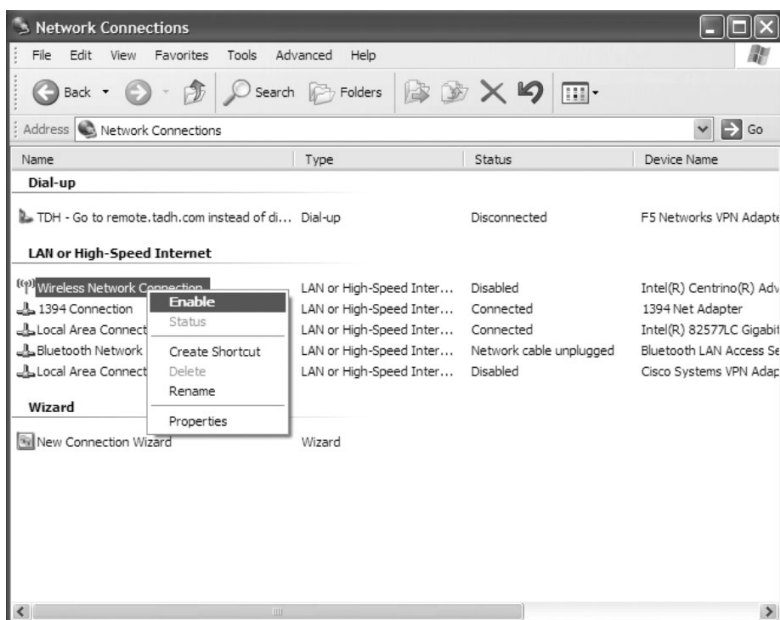
The **Network Connections** shortcut may appear and, if so, select it and go directly to Step 3.



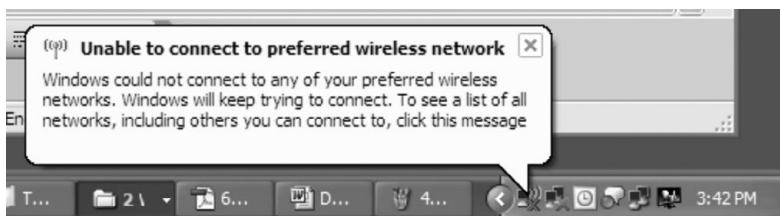
2. Double-click **Network Connections**. A summary of the connections will appear if you have several types of connections.



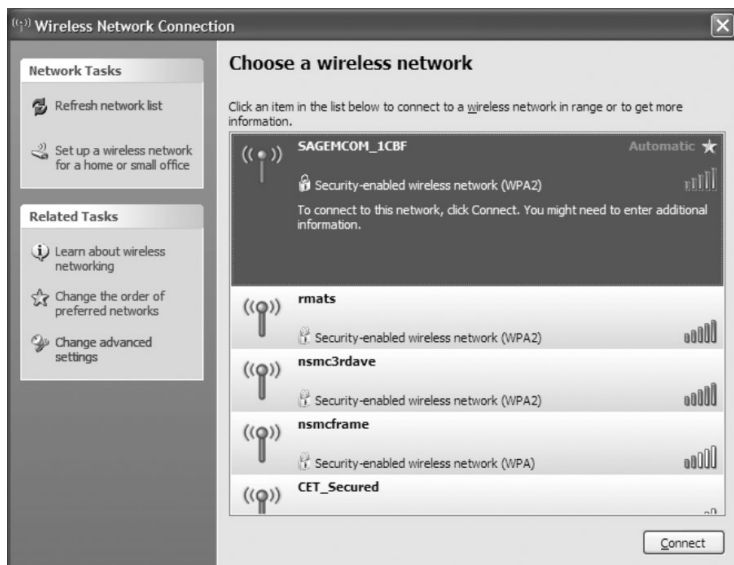
3. In **Network Connections**, find your **Wireless Network Connection**. If the connection is disabled, enable it by right-clicking the **Wireless Network Connection** icon. Then click **Enable**.



4. Once the network connection has been enabled, a small icon representing your Wi-Fi connection will appear at the bottom of your screen. Double-click on this icon (or directly on the message that pops up) to view the list of wireless networks detected.



- Find your wireless network name (SSID) that you want to connect to. (Refer to the information on the label underneath your modem router).

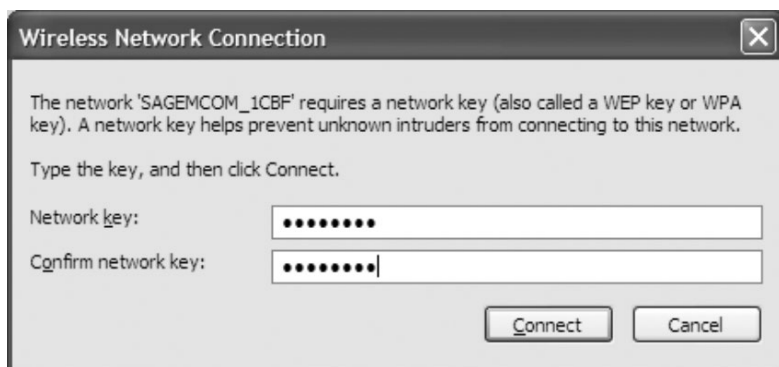


Note : The more green bars there are, the stronger the wireless signal between your computer and your modem router.

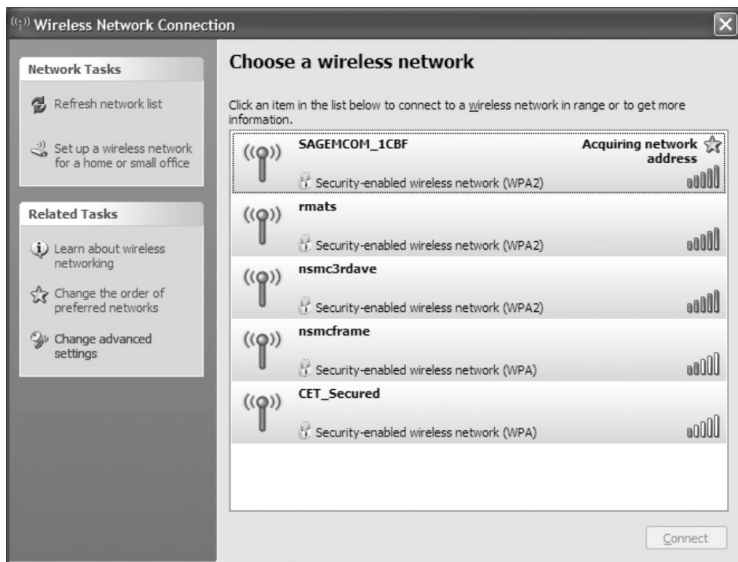
Select your network name (SSID) "**SAGEMCOM_XXXX**", then click **Connect**.

- In the **Wireless Network Connection** window, type your encryption key (WPA) in Network Key. (Refer to the information on the label underneath your modem router. You must type the key exactly as it appears, using any uppercase or lowercase letters, where indicated).

Confirm the network key by typing it a second time. Then click the **Connect** button.

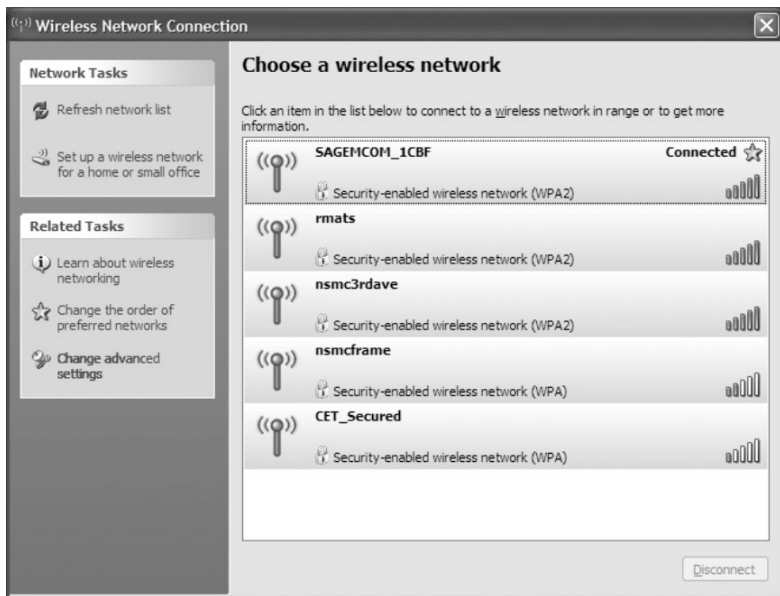


7. Wait a few seconds and a message that says “Acquiring network address” will appear.

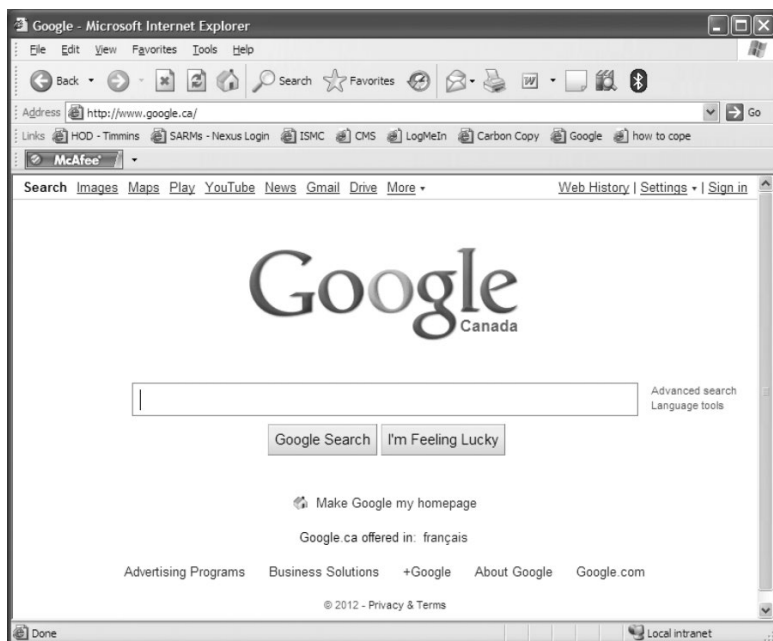


8. Wait until the word **Connected** appears next to your network name.

You have finished setting up your wireless connection.



9. Check that you are indeed connected by opening your preferred browser or typing, for example, "www.google.ca" in your address bar. A window such as the following one should open.



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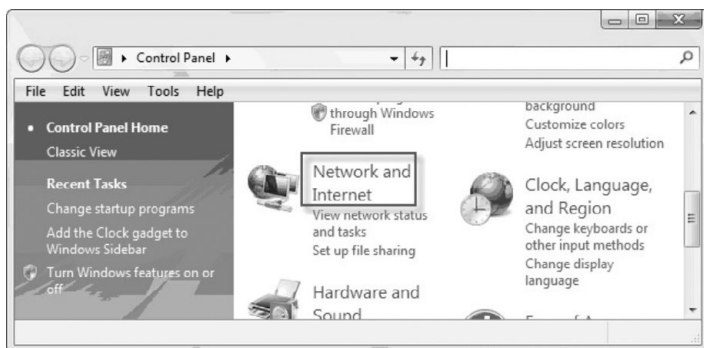
4.2 CONNECTING TO A WIRELESS NETWORK ON WINDOWS VISTA

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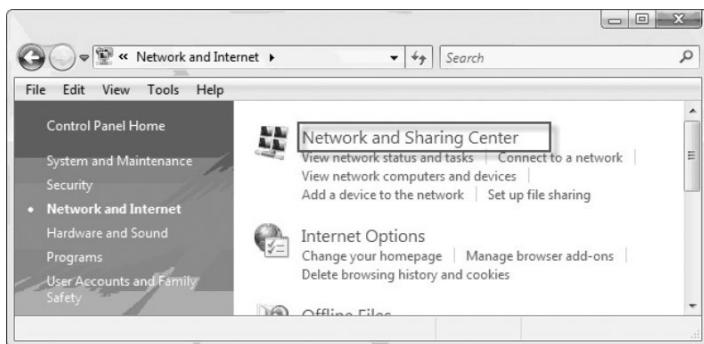
1. In **Start** (represented by the Microsoft Windows icon ) , click **Control Panel**.



Then click **Network and Internet**.



2. In the Network and Internet window, click **Network and Sharing Center**.



3. In **Network and Sharing Center**, you should see a message saying that wireless networks are available. If so, click on the link **"Connect to a network"**.

If you do not see this message or this link, check to make sure that Wi-Fi has indeed been enabled on your computer and that you are within range of the wireless network (Wi-Fi).

If the link still does not appear, you can click on **Manage wireless networks** (in the left-hand panel).



4. The **Connect to a network** window appears. In the drop-down list, click **Display Wireless** networks to only display the available Wi-Fi networks. Use the drop-down list to select **"SAGEMCOM_XXXX"**, then click the **Connect** button.



5. You will then see all of the names of the Wi-Fi networks that are within range of your computer and to which you can potentially connect:

Find the name of your wireless network (SSID) that you want to connect to. (Refer to the information on the label underneath your modem-router.)

Note: The more green bars there are, the stronger the wireless signal between your computer and your modem router.

In the drop-down list, select your network name (SSID) "SAGEMCOM_XXXX" then click the **Connect** button.



6. The SAGEMCOM network requires an encryption key (WPA). This network key helps to prevent intruders from connecting to your network; otherwise, anybody (a neighbour, for example) could easily connect to it.

In the **Connect to a network** window, type your encryption key (WPA) in **Security key or passphrase**. (Refer to the information on the label underneath your modem-router. You must type the key exactly as it appears, using any uppercase or lowercase letters where indicated.

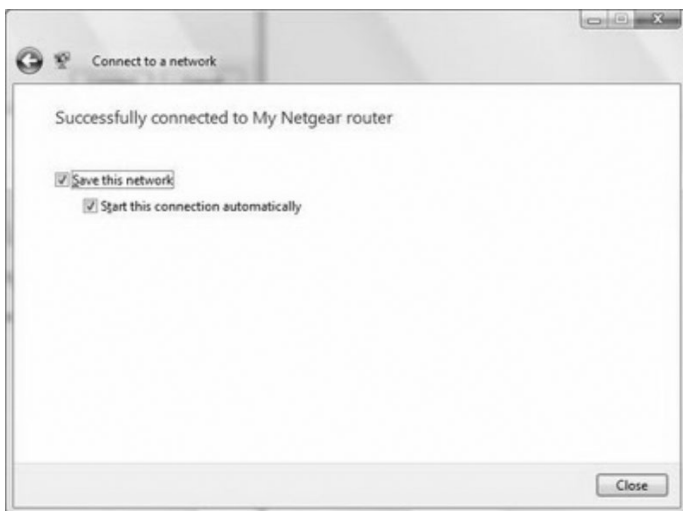
Next, click the **Connect** button.



7. Wait a few seconds. A message should appear saying that you are successfully connected.

Leave the **Save this network** and **Start this connection automatically** boxes checked if you want this connection remembered and started automatically the next time your computer detects the Wi-Fi network (it will be a lot faster than having to re-enter the settings every time).

Click **Close**.

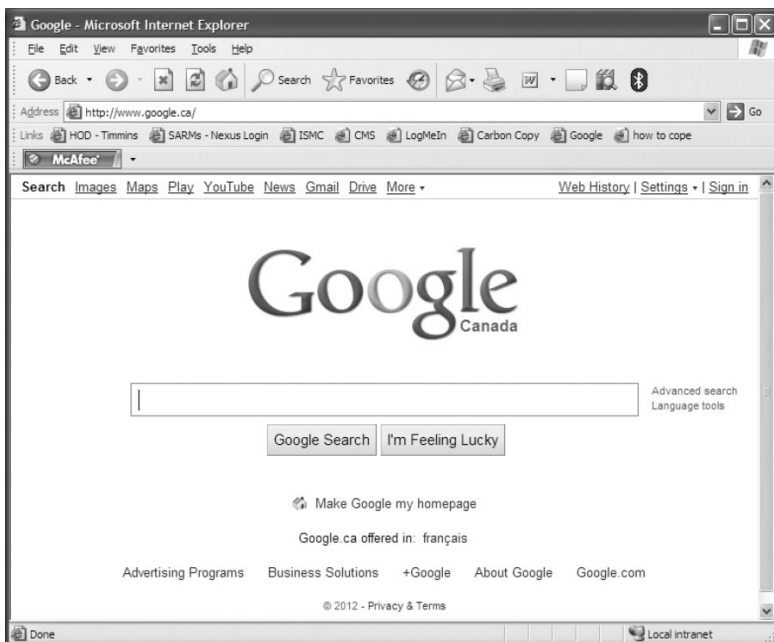


8. You will be returned to the **Network and Sharing Center** window. An **Internet** icon confirms that your connection is working.

You have finished setting up your wireless connection.



9. Check that you are indeed connected by opening your preferred browser or typing, for example, “www.google.ca” in your address bar. A window such as the following one should open.

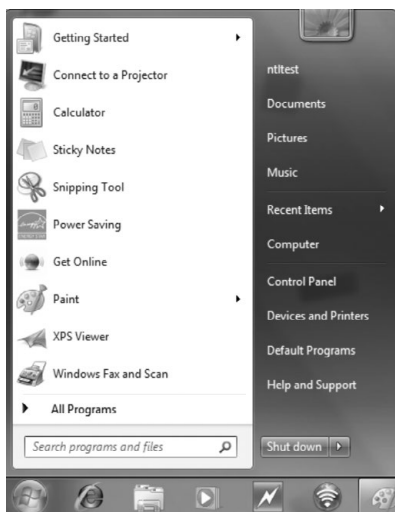


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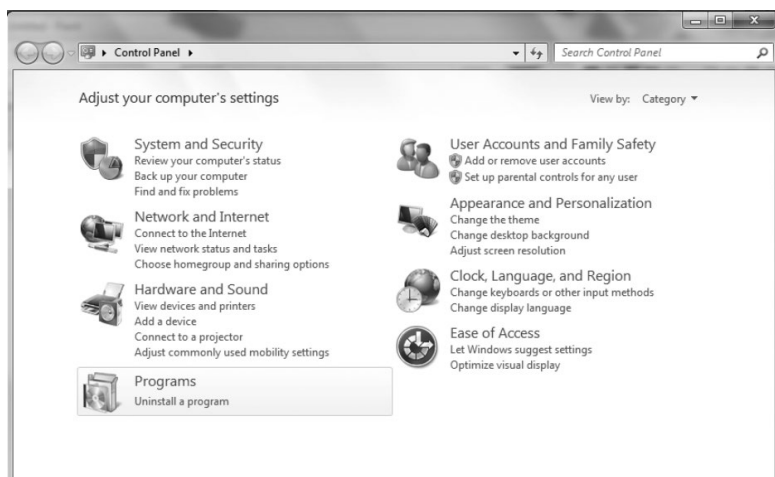
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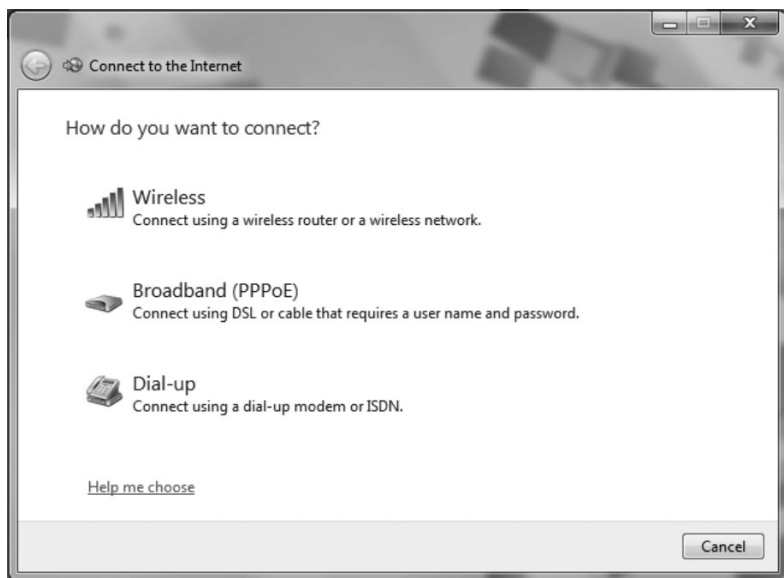
1. Click **Start -> Control Panel**.



2. In **Control Panel**, under **Network and Internet**, click **Connect to the Internet**.



3. Click **Wireless** in answer to the question “**How do you want to connect?**”



4. Next, you will see all of the names of the Wi-Fi networks that are within range of your computer and to which you can potentially connect:

Find the name of your wireless network (SSID) to which you want to connect. (Refer to the information on the label underneath your modem router.)

Note: The more green bars there are, the stronger the wireless signal between your computer and your modem router.



5. Select your network name (SSID) "**SAGEMCOM_XXXX**" then click the **Connect** button.

If **Connect automatically** is not already checked off, check it off so you connect automatically next time you log on.



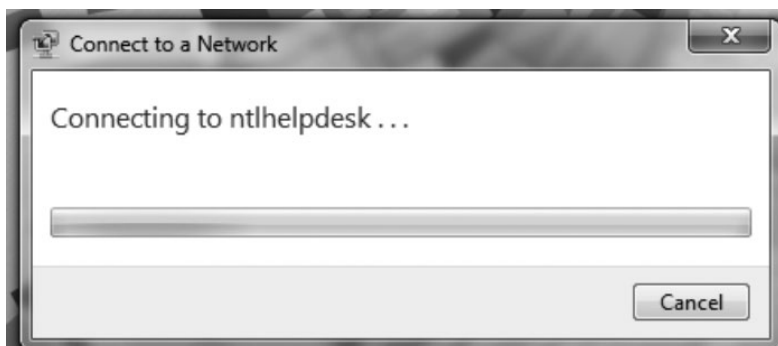
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In the **Connect to a Network** window, type your encryption key (WPA) in **Security key**. (Refer to the information on the label underneath your modem router. You must type the key exactly as it appears, using any uppercase or lowercase letters where indicated.

Next, click **OK**.



7. Wait a few seconds as your computer is connecting to the network.



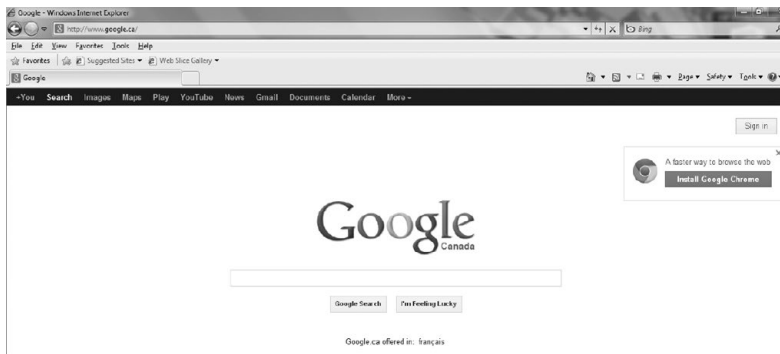
8. Once the network connection has been enabled, a small icon representing your Wi-Fi connection will appear at the bottom of your screen.

Double-click on the small icon (or directly on the message that appears) to view your wireless network with the word **Connected** next to it.



You have finished setting up your wireless connection.

9. Check that you are properly connected by opening your preferred browser or typing, for example, “**www.google.ca**” in your address bar. A window such as the following one should open.



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